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*9th L. H. Regt.
ANZAC MED DIVN.*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Page	Remarks and references to Appendices
	<i>February 1917</i>			<i>Page 135. Vol. 1.</i>	
<i>HOD</i>	<i>1. 2. 17.</i>		<i>Cleaning Saddlery. A+B Squadrons field firing practice in afternoon.</i>		<i>Reg Map.</i>
<i>MASAD</i>	<i>2. 2. 17.</i>		<i>Routine work in morning. A Squadrons practiced dismounting for action in afternoon.</i>		<i>ELARISH.</i>
<i>M.</i>	<i>3. 2. 17.</i>		<i>Regiment (less A Sqn) paraded to Sanitary Section ELARISH. for disinfecting of clothing & blankets.</i>		<i>Sheet No 11 H 36</i>
<i>M.</i>	<i>3. 2. 17.</i>		<i>A Sqn's clothing etc. disinfecting. Routine work. 21 O.R. on leave & Post Paid. 1/125.000.</i>		<i>Jr.</i>
<i>M.</i>	<i>4. 2. 17.</i>		<i>Church Parade. Camp inspection by G.O.C. (B/Gen J.R. ROYSTER)</i>		
<i>M.</i>	<i>5. 2. 17.</i>		<i>Squadrons practiced getting into action & manhandling of led horses. Lewis Guns practiced field firing on range.</i>		
	<i>6. 2. 17.</i>	<i>1200</i>	<i>The G.O.C. Division inspected the lines - men standing to their horses.</i>		
		<i>1500</i>	<i>G.O.C. Bde (Gen. ROYSTER) inspected the horses of the Regiment. each horse being ^{left} checked over.</i>		
<i>M.</i>	<i>7. 2. 17.</i>		<i>Brigade field day. The Regiment moved out at 0930 as Advance Guard to the Brigade and encountered the enemy (represented by flags) near Point 110. A General Attack was ordered at 1230 & on completing - the Brigade bivouaced for lunch - returning to camp at 1500.</i>		
<i>M.</i>	<i>8. 2. 17.</i>		<i>B and C Squadrons fired course of field firing with Lewis Guns - Advancing under covering fire.</i>		

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ANZAC MED DIV.

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9. 2. 17. HOD. MASAIID P.M.	9.2.17		Regiment practiced advance Guard work to BIR MASMI. halted for lunch - returning to camp at 1500. Lieut PENDER returned from Potchkusi Gun Class. Major Siekmann I.A. returned from hospital.	Ref. Map EL ARNH. Shot Intl H 26 T II
10. 2. 17. P.M.	10.2.17		C.O. inspected lines. Saddlery cleaning parade.	
	11.2.17		Church Parade.	
	12.2.17		34 O.R. Reinforcements. marched in from Mouscar. and were allotted as follows: - R.H.Q. 1 O.R. A Sqn. 9. B Sqn. 10. C Sqn. 15.	
	13.2.17		Brigade field day. The three Regiments advanced over the country south of MASAIID. P th Regt on Right. Q th centre and 10 th left. Advance was made in 3 bounds to a point about 2 miles S of ZARRA where the Brigade bivouacked for lunch returning to camp by 1600. Particular attention was paid throughout to intercommunication between units both by visually & by orderly.	
	14.2.17		Field firing in morning. A.B.C. Sqdns. (Advancing mounted with covering fire) Lt F.J. LINACRE to RANIHARA to take charge of Brigade transport. Further 5% O.R. left on 2 days leave to Port Said.	+ 2/20

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9th Light Horse Regt.
VANZAC MID DIVN.

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			February 1917.	
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FOD P/ASAD	15.2.17.		Squadrons carried out field firing. Advancing muller covering fire.	Ref Map
[Signature]	16.2.17.		Regiment practiced flank Guard work. Lieut. Lucock detached for duty as V.C. 3rd L.H. Bde. Transport. RANZAR.	EL. ARISH
[Signature]	17.2.17.		Rit Inspection. The C.O. left for MOASCAR to inspect Training Sqdn. & for 4 days leave. Major T.J. DALY. to command Regiment in his absence.	1/25.000
[Signature]	18.2.17.		Church Parade. 2nd + 3rd Brigades combined. 13 Reinforcements marched in from MOASCAR. & posted 5 OR. to A Sqdn. 5 to B, 3 to C.	
[Signature]	19.2.17.		Squadron training of connecting files & Mounted Cavalry. Lieut Lucock returned from Cavalry School. Lieut Williams & 2 Lt. HARRISON to Training Squadron MOASCAR.	
[Signature]	20.2.17.		Sea. Sir H.G. Channel inspected the Brigade mounted. to say good bye - on the Bde leaving the his division -	
[Signature]	21.2.17.		2nd Lieut SPAN. O.T. and 12 OR. marched in from MOASCAR. Lewis Gun fire practice (application & grouping) Squadrons practised	
[Signature]			Preparin, to leave Cavalry -	
[Signature]			R.Q.M.S. FARMER. M.O. (No 76) promoted to Commissioned rank. (to be 2nd LIEUT. dated 2.2.17)	

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ANZAC DIV DNN.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
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HOD MOASAR	22.2.17		Brigade Field Day. The Brigade moved out of the HOD. Mounted at 0800. and carried out "Attack" and "Retire" work. The Q ¹⁰ Regiment attacked the P ¹ Regiment. who retired. In the afternoon the P ¹ Regt attacked the Q ¹⁰ who retired back on the HOD. Particular attention was paid to keeping touch between units and making use of covering fire.	
	23.2.17		Routine work.	
	24.2.17		Re Brigadier. (Capt. Royson.) inspected the camp. The men stanching & their horses.	
	25.2.17		Church Parade. 4 O.R. marched in from MOASAR.	
	26.2.17		Major Williams. 10 th Hussars lectured on Hotchkiss Gun tactics. In afternoon 2 Sqdts. carried out field work. mainly selecting positions for Hotchkiss guns.	
	27.2.17		Col H.H. Scott ^{P.50} returned from the leave & resumed command of the Regiment. The Regiment carried out mounted work - attacking & retiring from a flag enemy.	
	28.2.17		Routine work.	
			(The following is a summary of the work done)	

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